

# MINUTES OF THE LACUNY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 9, 2007

John Jay College, Conference Room

## Present:

Tim Hasin (CSI), Curtis Kendrick (Central), Steven Ovadia (LG), Ed Williams (LE), Nyoki Kinyatti (YC), Lauren Yannotta (HC), Jose Diaz (HO), Lisa Finder (HC), Ronnie Gomez (QC), Roman Santillan (SI), Jeffrey Kroessler (JJ), Karl Madden (ME), Ellen Sexton (JJ), Betsy Tompkins (KB), Sheila Beck (QB), Lisa Ellis (Baruch), William Gibbons (CC), Anne Leonard (NY)

## Not Represented:

Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos, CUNY Law School at Queens College, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies.

Acceptance of agenda.

Minutes of Feb 2, 2007 meeting approved.

## President's Report: (L. Finder)

- Amanda Bielskas accepted position at Columbia.
- Karl Madden thanked for standing in as LACUNY Secretary

## Vice-President's Report: (L. Ellis)

- CLICS still "hot issue" (workloads, inequities; Libs high in alphabet, wealthier - get picked sooner, etc) – revisions in progress.
- Release time issue: Provosts need common understanding – Curtis Kendrick offered to get ball rolling.

## Treasurer's Report: (E. Sexton)

\$500 donation received from Hunter president – current balance just over \$26,000.

## Programs and Workshops:

- March 2 - *LACUNY Dialogues* program - *Second Life in Libraries* – was excellent – 26 people – CULIBS posting up.
- March 16 *Information Literacy as a Gen Ed Requirement* – with Betsy Barefoot at LaGuardia 3/16/07. LACUNY, LILAC + LaGuardia co-sponsoring.
- April 26 2PM (Hunter Social Work) is Prof Dev committee program *Writing for Peer-Reviewed Publications*
- April 20 2PM, Friday Hunter Book discussion (Roya Hakakian's *Journey from the Land of No*) (sponsored by the Multicultural Committee, and President's office of Hunter)
- May 18<sup>th</sup> *LACUNY Institute, 2007* at Baruch. "*Technology with a Face: High Tech meets High Touch.*"

## Committee Reports:

- **Instruction-** Meeting coming up in April – on federated searching.
- **Emerging Technology-** Co-chairs Steve Ovadia and Daisy Dominguez.
- **Legislative Action-** Committee for Awareness, Organizing Legislative Day (for library matters – movement to have it function as an advocacy group – with a lobby function) – movement to keep politics out of CULIBS – Jane Fitzpatrick will join – Anne Leonard will join Lisa Ellis for a revitalized Legislative Action committee.
- **Professional Development** – Grant winners came from CSI – Working on program for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Nominations committee** – Presentation of Slate of candidates for 2007:
  - o **Vice President:**
    - Beth Evans
    - Michael Waldman
  - o **Secretary:**
    - Daisy Dominguez
    - Betsy Tompkins
  - o **ULJ Editor:**
    - Lauren Yannotta
    - Valeda Dent
    - Sara Marcus
- Lisa Finder thanked the Nominations Committee.

### **Publications:**

- **LACUNY Directory**- Ready to ship.
- **News from CUNY Libraries** – Deadline for Spring issue is April 30.
- **Urban Library Journal** –Monica Berger has table of contents on web – now open access only (no more print).
- **LACUNY Blog**- All LACUNY members encouraged to contribute comments regularly– as alternative to CULIBS – contact is Steve Ovadia.

### **Roundtables:**

- **Acquisitions** – Will meet at the end of March
- **Interlibrary Loan** – CLICS is impacting IL, there are licensing issues regarding use of db articles – talks continue.
- **Multicultural** – (see April 27 program) – new co-chair Geraldine B. Hebert

### **University Librarian:** (Curtis Kendrick)

- University has new contract for binding – Marsha Clark will head the taskforce.
- Institutional Repository – There will be a temporary project manager, and a Digital Resources Librarian will be hired.
- Aleph V.18 coming
- CUNY entering into Master Plan (2008-12 Strategic Plan) coordinated by Academic Affairs.
- There are efforts to make it more transparent – there will be a survey on CULIBS – good for feedback.
- Instructional space allocations are being considered.
- Appreciation for LACUNY’s role (bringing people together) noted in Council of Chiefs meeting.
- Opened forum to questions/comments – which included:
  - o New contract needs to limit teaching hours
  - o Need for ranking system for support staff – CUNY-wide
  - o Strategic plans needed for each library

### **Old Business:**

- Issue of equity for library faculty in CUNY, similar to SUNY’s situation - interest in an Ad Hoc committee in association with Legislative Action – issues include contract, release time, annual leave, research time, etc – for “greater equity if not total parity” – suggestions re formulae for organizing ref desk/teaching schedules, and other aspects of logistics to achieve goals – looking for models for usability – Jane Fitzpatrick, Roman Santillan, William Gibbons, Ann Leonard are investigating.

### **New Business:**

- Everyone should compile a list of reassignment leaves for academic year 2006-7 including number of weeks requested vs received, reasons why hrs received were reduced (if available from chiefs) – Deadline June 30.
- Spring Membership Program – tentative date: June 8 Brooklyn – tentative themes: Reports on Prof Reassignment/Release time, etc - - Libraries in McCarthy era.
- Motion to increase LACUNY scholarship to \$500 – motion seconded, approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30PM.